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**IN THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior listings or versions of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising:  
receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;  
receiving, via the graphical control panel, a selection of portions of data from files corresponding to each of said plurality of spreadsheets; and  
executing automated consolidation of said portions of data comprising:  
retrieving said portions of data;  
generating at least one final report spreadsheet; [[and]]  
appending said portions of data to said at least one final report spreadsheet; and  
appending information identifying sources of portions of data to said at least one final report spreadsheet.
2. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1 further comprising receiving a selection of at least one workbook.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1 further comprising receiving a selection of at least one worksheet.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1 wherein receiving a selection of portions of data comprises selecting at least one of rows, columns, cells, tables, filenames, workbook names, worksheet names, and spreadsheet names of at least one file corresponding to said plurality of spreadsheets.

7. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1 wherein receiving a selection of portions of data comprises searching for desired text within said plurality of spreadsheets.
8. (Original) A method as in claim 1 further comprising appending data to said at least one final report spreadsheet that is not within said plurality of spreadsheets.
9. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 further comprising storing a custom spreadsheet search, wherein the custom search enables execution of a predetermined search of one or more selected spreadsheets associated with said plurality of spreadsheets and said selected portions of data.
10. (Currently amended) A software program for consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising:
  - a spreadsheet selection procedure for receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;
  - a data selection procedure for receiving, via the graphical control panel, a selection of desired portions of data from files corresponding to each of one or more spreadsheets of said plurality of spreadsheets;
  - a custom search procedure for executing a predefined search to identify desired portions of data from for receiving a selection of at least a portion of each of said selected one or more spreadsheets of said plurality of selected spreadsheets; and
  - a final report spreadsheet generating procedure for generating at least one final report, [[and]] appending said selected desired portions of data from each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets to said at least one final report, and appending information identifying sources of said desired portions of data to said at least one final report spreadsheet.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently amended) Multiple spreadsheet data consolidation system comprising:
  - a monitor;
  - a storage device; and

a controller for displaying a graphical control panel on said monitor, said graphical control panel comprising:

a spreadsheet selection area for receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets, wherein said selection includes desired portions of data;

a custom search module for executing a predefined search to identify desired portions of data receiving a selection of at least a portion of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets; and

said controller generating at least one final report spreadsheet, [[and]] appending said selected desired portions of data of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets to said at least one final report spreadsheet, and appending information identifying sources of said desired portions of data to said at least one final report spreadsheet.

13. (Original) A system as in claim 12 wherein said spreadsheet selection area comprises a workbook selection area.

14. (Currently amended) A system as in claim 13 wherein said workbook selection area comprises a select all open workbooks selection an open workbook selection.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) A system as in claim 12 wherein said spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet selection area.

17. (Original) A system as in claim 16 wherein said spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet subset selector.

18. (Original) A system as in claim 12 further comprising a status indicator.

19. (Currently amended) A system as in claim 12 further comprising an event logger for tracking generation of at least one final report spreadsheet and reporting said tracking to a user during generation of said at least one final report spreadsheet.

20. (Previously presented) A system as in claim 12 further comprising at least one window for receiving a selection of said plurality of spreadsheets and said at least one portion of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets.
21. (New) A method as in claim 1 further comprising storing a custom search, wherein the custom search enables execution of a predetermined search without selection of portions of data to be searched.
22. (New) The software program as in claim 10 further comprising a custom search development procedure to allow a user to define and store custom searches for use by said custom search procedure.